

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Main Library Board Room
September 8, 2009**

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Arts Commission** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened at 8463 W. Monroe Street, at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Ballance, John Buonagurio, Wayne Baxter, Gil Vasquez, Lizabeth Gordon

Members Absent: Robert Benson, Marleejean Johnson

Other Municipal Officials Present: David Hunenberg, Library Manger, Andre Licardi, Cultural Arts Coordinator, Andrew Granger, Engineering Director, Chris Kmetty, Sr. Civil Engineer, Ellen Comella, Administrative Assistant

Audience: None

Note: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine by the Arts Commission and were enacted by one motion

Minutes:

1C Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse member's absence from June 16, 2009 meeting: Gil Vasquez and Marsha Hanson

2C Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009

A motion was made by Wayne Baxter to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Linda Ballance and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3R Introduction

Lizabeth Gorden was introduced as the newest member to the Arts Commission. Lizabeth has been a music teacher in local elementary schools for over 22 years and has just recently retired.

4R Current Projects

Rio Vista Recreation Center: Andre Licardi informed the Commission that artist Valerie Theberge has started the mosaic project and updates can be viewed on the Arts Commission web site.

Sunrise Mountain Library: Andre Licardi advised the Commission that the "Call to Artists" brochures and post cards have been sent out with a return deadline of October 14, 2009.

84th Avenue Streetscape: Andre Licardi informed the Commission that they have an opportunity for public art to be presented on six (6) Ramada Panels coming next year April or May.

Thunderbird Avenue Underpass: Andre Licardi advised the Commission that this project has been completed by elementary age students from 15 schools and the dedication should be held in about a month.

Other capital projects: David Hunenberg advised the Commission that the Happy Valley Bridge project has begun and that they are working with artist Joe Tyler on the art.

5R Lake Pleasant Parkway Overpass

Andrew Granger presented a power point presentation of the Lake Pleasant Parkway Overpass Aesthetics.

A motion was made by Linda Ballance to authorize an expenditure of Percent for Arts funds for a portion of the aesthetics for the Lake Pleasant Parkway and Loop 303 Overpass, the motion was seconded by Wayne Baxter and the motion was carried unanimously.

6R Celebration of Artists

Andre Licardi provided the commission with a updated schedule for the 2010 Celebration of Artists.

7R Meeting Schedule

Upon discussion with the Commission it was decided that no action will be taken to change meeting day or time.

Call to the Public: None

Reports from Staff:

Andre Licardi advised the Commission of the up coming, New Board and Commission Training scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Pine Room.

Andre Licardi invited the Commission to attend a briefing with the Arts and Culture Funding Initiative to be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Marley Park Heritage Club.

Reports from Commission: None

Being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Linda Ballance to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Gil Vasquez. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

John Buonagurio, Chair

Ellen Comella, Administrative Assistant